GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8030
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ARREST OF INDIAN NATIONAL IN USA
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian national working at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi was arrested in the United States on January 15, 2000 on the charges of demanding and accepting bribe to process an asylum application submitted by an Indian woman;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. An Indian national, Rakesh Kumar Kashyap who worked at the US Embassy in New Delhi was arrested in the US or charges of extortion in processing applications from visa seekers in India. Shri Kashyap has reportedly admitted to the charges and was sentenced by the Federal Court on 28th April, 2000 to three and a half months in prison.

(c) Embassy of India, Washington has been in touch with the State Department and Department of Justice regarding this case, and possible deportation of Shri Kashyap to India.